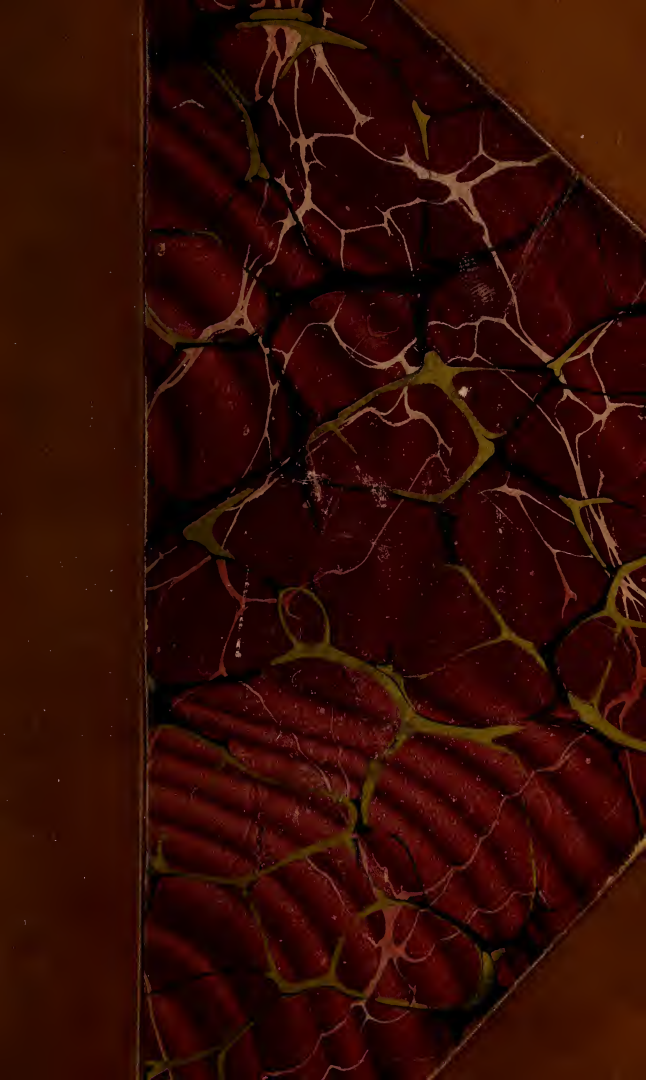
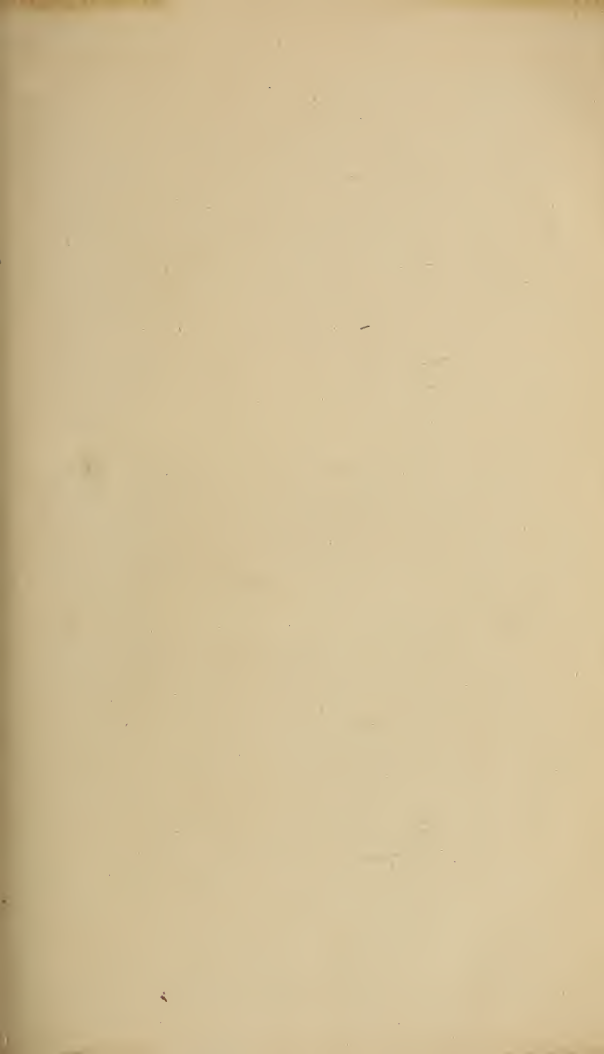




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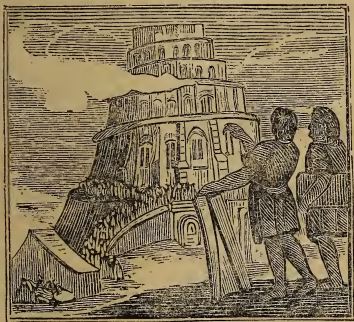


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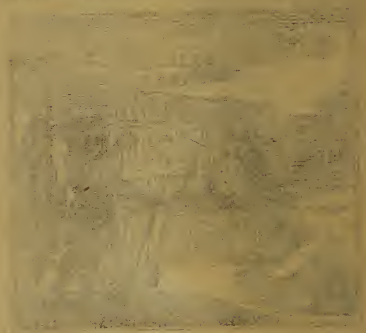


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THE CREATION.¹

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void ; and darkness was upon the face of the deep ; and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light, and there was light.

THE DIVISION OF THE WATERS.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament ; and it was so.

THE CREATURES NAMED—MAN AND WOMAN FORMED.

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life ; and man became a living soul, And the Lord God planted a garden, and

there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air, and brought them unto Adam, to see what he would call them : and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam ; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof. And the rib which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh ; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

THE SERPENT'S TEMPTATION—FALL OF OUR FIRST PARENTS.

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden ? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden : but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat ; and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat.

ADAM AND EVE DRIVEN OUT OF PARADISE.

And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done ? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception ; and in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children. To Adam he said, Cursed is the ground for thy sake, in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life. So he drove out the man ; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

CAIN AND ABEL.

Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to



his offering. But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

CAIN'S PUNISHMENT.

The Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

THE ARK AND FLOOD.

God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. And God said, Make thee an ark of gopher-wood.—Of every living thing of all flesh; two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. The



waters of the flood were upon the earth; and all flesh died that moved upon the earth.

THE FLOOD CEASES—NOAH GOES OUT OF THE ARK AND SACRIFICES; GOD'S PROMISE TO HIM.

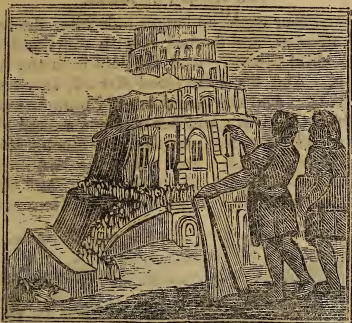
The waters returned from off the earth.—And the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him. Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark. And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar.

GOD RENEWS HIS COVENANT WITH NOAH—FORBIDS MURDER. THE RAINBOW.

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

TOWER OF BABEL—CONFUSION OF LANGUAGES.

The whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the



children of men builded. And the Lord said, Go to, let us go down and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

THE DESTRUCTION OF SODOM—LOT IS PRESERVED.

The men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: for we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord, and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it. And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife and thy two daughters, lest thou be consumed. Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire out of heaven. And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

ABRAHAM COMMANDED TO OFFER ISAAC—AN ANGEL STAYS HIS HAND.

And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife

to slay his son. And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham. And he said, here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me.

THE FINDING OF MOSES.

When his mother could no longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him. And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when she had opened it, she saw the child; and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrew's children.



THE ISRAELITES PASS THE RED SEA ON DRY GROUND—ARE PURSUED BY THE EGYPTIANS, WHO ARE DROWNED.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak to the Israelites, that they go forward; and lift thou thy rod, and stretch thy hand over the red sea, to divide it, and the children of Israel shall go over on dry land. And the Lord made the sea to go back by a strong east wind, and the waters were divided, so that the children of Israel went over on dry ground,—the waters being a wall to them on the right hand and on the left. And the Egyptians pursued them into the midst of the sea. In the morning-watch, the Lord troubled the host of the Egyptians,

and took off their chariot-wheels ; and they said, Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the Lord fighteth for them. Then the Lord said to Moses, Stretch now thy hand over the sea, that the waters may come again ; and as the morning appeared, the sea returned, and covered the chariots and all the host of Pharaoh : there remained not one of them. Thus the Lord saved Israel ; and they saw the Egyptians dead on the sea-shore ; and they feared the Lord and his servant Moses.

MOSES SMITETH THE ROCK.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel ; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thy hand, and go. Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb ; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.



MOSES RECEIVETH THE TABLES.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first ; and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first : and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up into Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

THE WALLS OF JERICHO FALL—THE CITY TAKEN.

The people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets : and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the

trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city, and they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

SAMSON'S DEATH.

And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left. And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were within.



DAVID KILLS GOLIATH—THE PHILISTINES ROUTED.

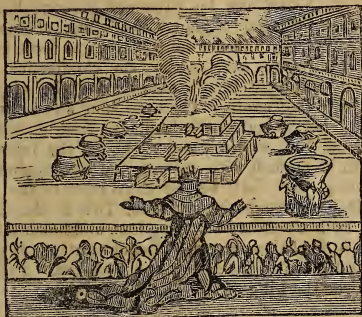
David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew Goliath, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

ABSALOM CAUGHT UP IN THE OAK.

And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away.

THE TEMPLE BUILT.

And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign, that he began to build the house of the Lord. And the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying, Concerning this house which thou art building; If thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments, then will I perform the promise made to David thy father—that I will dwell with thee, and not forsake thee. So Solomon built the house,



and finished it according to the plan which God himself had given to David.

ELIJAH DIVIDES JORDAN.

And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry, I pray thee, here, for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off; and they two stood by Jordan. And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

ELIJAH IS CARRIED TO HEAVEN IN A CHARIOT OF FIRE.

And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

SATAN AFFLICTS JOB—HIS WIFE REVILES HIM.

Satan smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes. Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?

BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST.

The king and his princes, his wives and his concubines, drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, and he said, Whosoever shall read this writing, and show me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler of the kingdom. Then was Daniel brought in, and said, This is the interpretation. God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting; thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians. In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

DANIEL CAST INTO THE DEN OF LIONS.

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocence was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den.

JONAH COMMANDED TO GO TO NINEVEH—HE FLEES FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD—IS SWALLOWED BY A WHALE.

The word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah

was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land. And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

THE SALUTATION.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David.

THE GENEALOGY OF CHRIST FROM ABRAHAM TO JOSEPH.

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham begat Isaac, and Isaac begat Jacob, and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren. And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called CHRIST. So all the generations from Abraham to David, are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST—JOSEPH SATISFIED BY AN ANGEL, WHO INTERPRETS THE NAME OF CHRIST.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise; when, as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily; but while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that

which is conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS : for he shall save his people from their sins.

WISE MEN INQUIRE AFTER CHRIST.

Behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth; and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama there was a voice heard, lamentation and weeping, and great mourning; Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS.

Now, when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape, like a dove upon him; and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

JESUS TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL.

Then was Jesus led up of the spirit, into the wilderness, to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterwards an hungered. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the SON of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

SIMON PETER, ANDREW, JAMES, AND JOHN, CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES.

And Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren; Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into

the sea : for they were fishers. And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence he saw other two brethren. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

CHRIST'S SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

Blessed are the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek : for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.

BLESSING ON SUCH AS SUFFER IN THE CAUSE OF RELIGION.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you ; and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad : for great is your reward in heaven : for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

BROTHERLY LOVE AND FORGIVENESS ENJOINED AND DIRECTED.

If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee ; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way ; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

THE STRAIT AND NARROW, WITH THE BROAD AND WIDE WAY.

Enter ye in at the strait gate ; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat : because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life ; and few there be that find it.

CHRIST CLEANSETH THE LEPER.

There came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will ; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto

him, See thou tell no man, but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded for a testimony unto them.

THE CENTURION'S SERVANT HEALED OF THE PALSY.

And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

THE WIDOW'S SON RAISED FROM THE DEAD.

When he came nigh to the gate of the city of Nain, behold there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow; and much people of the city were with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier; and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

JAIRUS'S DAUGHTER RAISED TO LIFE.

And there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead; but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose and followed him, and so did his disciples. And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, he said unto them, Give place; for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD HEALED.

And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, who had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment; for, she said within herself, if I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. And Jesus turned about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort, thy faith hath made thee whole, go in peace. And the woman was made whole from

SIGHT RESTORED TO TWO BLIND MEN.

And two blind men followed him crying, 'Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened.

FIVE THOUSAND FED.

And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart, give ye them to eat. And they said unto him, we have here but five loaves and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves and the two fishes, and, looking up to heaven, he blessed and brake, and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat and were filled, and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

FOUR THOUSAND FED.

Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat; and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint on the way. And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground, and he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled; and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full. And they that did eat were four thousand men, besides women and children.

AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT CAST OUT.

And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out

of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

A WOMAN OF EIGHTEEN YEARS' INFIRMITY CURED.

And, behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her, to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her; and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

TEN LEPERS CLEANSED.

And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass that as they went, they were cleansed.

CHRIST REBUKES THE TEMPEST.

And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, inasmuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

ST. MATTHEW CALLED TO THE APOSTLESHIP.

And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

THE MISSION OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES; TO TEACH AND TO DO MIRACLES.

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give.

CHRIST, WALKING ON THE SEA, SAVES ST. PETER.

And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind

boisterous, he was afraid : and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

LAZARUS RAISED FROM THE GRAVE TO LIFE.

Jesus said unto them, Take away the stone. Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I know that thou hearest me always : but because of the people who stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR SAVIOUR.

Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them : and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias, talking with him.

THE PASSOVER EATEN, AND THE BETRAYER FORETOLD.

When the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, That one of you shall betray me. And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I? And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

JUDAS BETRAYS CHRIST TO THE PRIESTS.

Judas that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he : hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master ; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus, stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest, and smote off his ear.

JESUS IS ACCUSED BEFORE PILATE.

And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this

fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cæsar, saying that he himself is Christ a King. And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it. Then said Pilate to the chief priests, and to the people, I find no fault in this man. No, nor yet Herod : for I sent you to him ; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done by him. But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. And Pilate gave sentence, that it should be as they required.

CHRIST LED AWAY TO BE CRUCIFIED ON MOUNT CALVARY.

As they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them ; said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

THE CRUCIFIXION.

When they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors ; one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit : and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

CHRIST TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS AND BURIED.

Joseph, a counsellor ; and he was a good man, and a just : (the same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them ;) he was of Arimathea, a city of the Jews ; who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

THE RESURRECTION DECLARED TO THE WOMEN.

Two men stood by them in shining garments. And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen.

JESUS WALKETH AND DISCOURSETH WITH TWO DISCIPLES.

Two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

HE APPEARS AGAIN TO THE ELEVEN, AND CONVINCES THEM.

Jesus saith, Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them.

HE BLESSES HIS DISCIPLES AND ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN.

He led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST AND DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

THE CONVERSION OF SAUL.

As he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord?

And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest : it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he, trembling and astonished, said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do ? And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

VISION OF ANANIAS—HE RESTORES SAUL TO SIGHT AND BAPTIZES HIM.

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias ; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus ; for, behold, he prayeth. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house ; and putting his hands on him, said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales ; and he received sight forthwith, and arose and was baptized.

SAUL PREACHES CHRIST IN THE SYNAGOGUES OF DAMASCUS—
HE ESCAPES A PLOT BY BEING LET DOWN OVER THE
CITY WALL IN A BASKET.

And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said, Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests ? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ. And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him ; but their lying in wait was known of Saul : and they watched the gates day and night to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

SAUL (ALSO CALLED PAUL,) CURES A Cripple AT LYSTRA.

And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked. The same heard Paul speak ; who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

PAUL AND SILAS SCOURGED AND IMPRISONED—CONVERSION OF THE JAILER AND HIS HOUSE.

And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely: who having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. And at midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sung praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's hands were loosed. Then the jailer came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And he was baptized, he and all his straightway, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

EUTYCHUS FALLING DOWN DEAD, IS RAISED TO LIFE.

And there sat in a window of the upper chamber where they were gathered together, a young man named Eutychus, who had fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sank down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft and was taken up dead. And Paul went down and fell on him, and embracing him, said. Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

PAUL BEFORE FELIX.

And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

PUBLIUS'S FATHER AND OTHERS CURED.

And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever, and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island came, and were healed.

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout,

with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God : and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air : and so shall we ever be with the Lord. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night ; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein, shall be burnt up.

GENERAL RESURRECTION AND JUDGMENT.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God : and the books were opened ; and another book was opened, which is the book of life ; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their words. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth ; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sin. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven. And I heard a great voice, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

THOSE ADMITTED INTO THE CELESTIAL CITY.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

AWFUL PUNISHMENT OF THOSE WHO ADD TO, OR DIMINISH THE REVELATION OF GOD.

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book : and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

